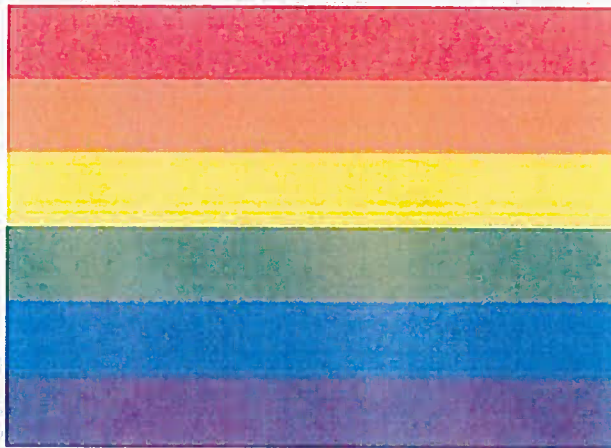


LGBTQ Pride Month

June 2019



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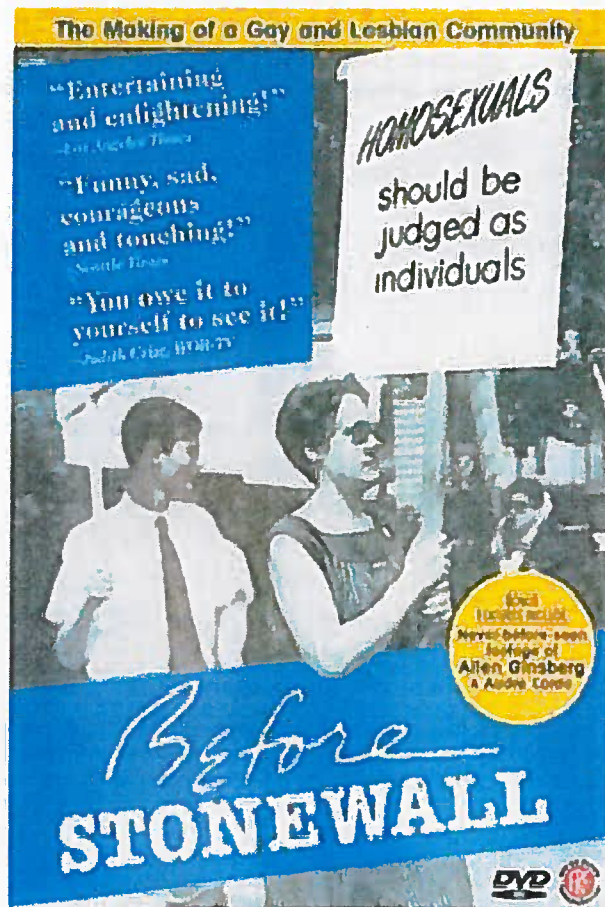
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June 25, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Commission Meeting Room

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For the viewing of

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For the following:

LGBTQ Pride Month Observance Activities



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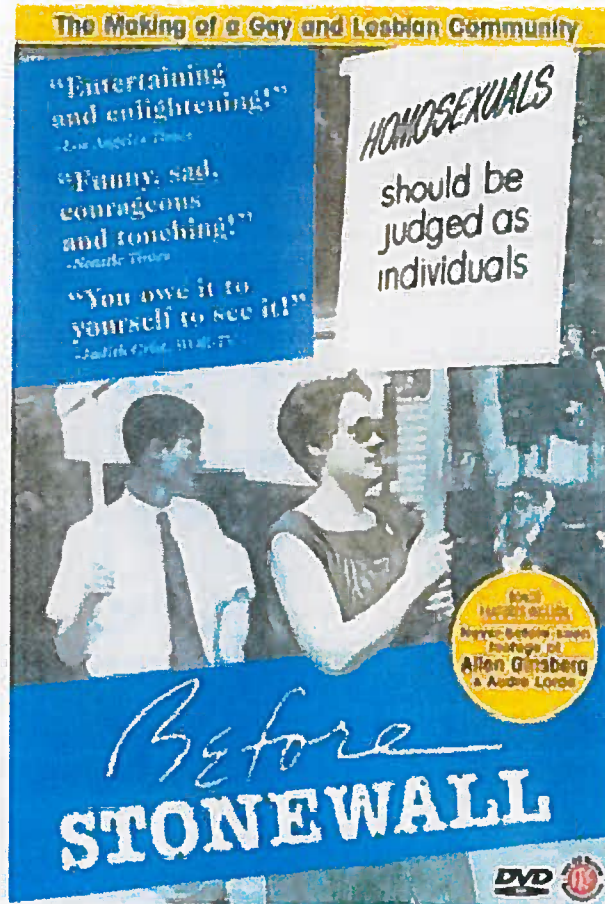
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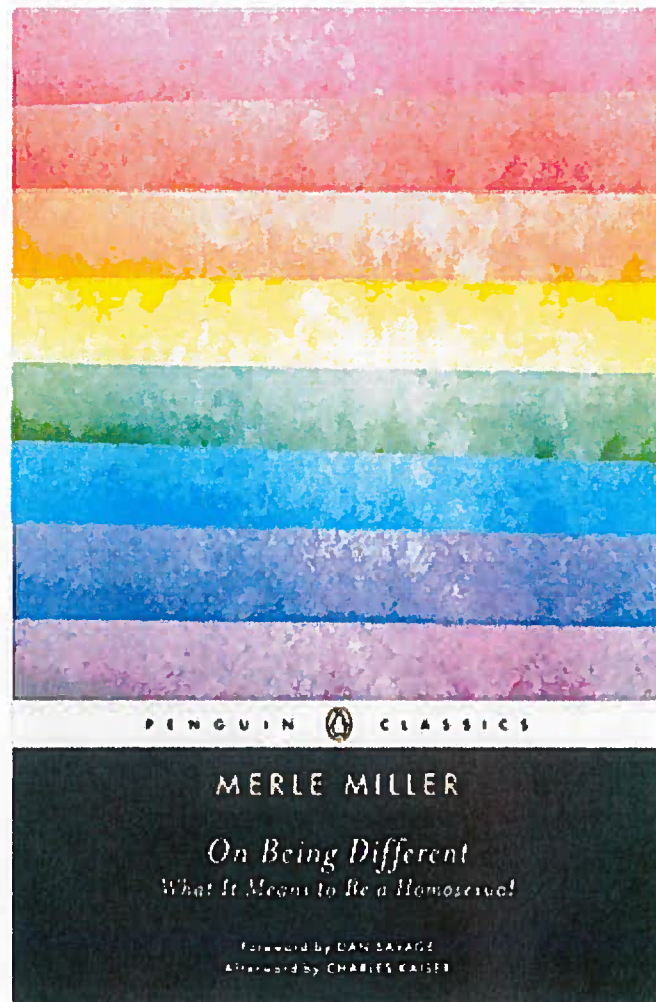


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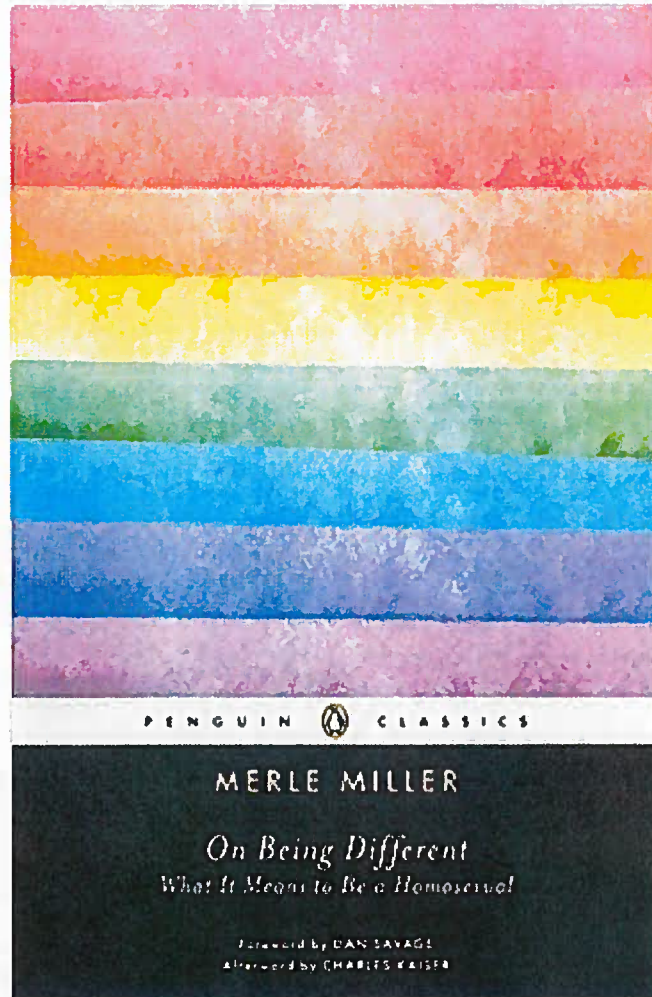
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